AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16 and 18, and amend claim 21 as indicated below:

1-19. Cancelled.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for decompressing stored and compressed digital video information having a frame rate corresponding to 24 frames per second, wherein the compressed digital video information was generated by eliminating substantially redundant consecutive images in uncompressed digital video information originating from a video signal having a frame rate of 29.97 frames per second, wherein the compressed digital video information has associated information, stored therewith, indicating where the substantially redundant consecutive images were located in the uncompressed digital video information, the method comprising:

receiving the associated information indicating where the substantially redundant consecutive images were located in the uncompressed digital video information;

decompressing the compressed digital video information to provide corresponding decompressed digital video information at a frame rate of 24 frames per second; and

generating a video signal having a frame rate of 29.97 from the decompressed video signal by reintroducing the substantially redundant consecutive images according to the received information.

21. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for decompressing stored and compressed digital video information having a frame rate corresponding to 24 frames per second, wherein the compressed digital video information was generated by eliminating substantially redundant consecutive images in uncompressed digital video information originating from a video signal having a frame rate of 29.97 frames per second, wherein the compressed digital video information has associated information, stored therewith, indicating where the substantially redundant consecutive images were located in the uncompressed digital video information, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving the associated information indicating where the substantially redundant consecutive images were located in the uncompressed digital video information;

means for decompressing the compressed digital video information to provide corresponding decompressed digital video information at a frame rate of 24 frames per second; and

means for generating a video signal having a frame rate of 29.97 from the decompressed video signal by reintroducing the substantially redundant consecutive images according to the received information.